



Aaron F. Broussard
Parish President

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Advisory 13

Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard has issued the following statement:

“Jefferson Parish is not a safe place to return to at this time. Therefore, I am exercising my authority under the Louisiana Disaster Act and issuing a ‘lock out’ order for all Jefferson Parish citizens until 6 a.m. on Monday, September 5th.

I have asked the Governor to utilize the State Police and National Guard for assistance in this mandatory lockout. This time will be needed to clear debris from streets so people can enter Jefferson Parish at their own risk.

We are at a catastrophic, disastrous, impasse. There are a tremendous amount of trees down, gas leaks, low water pressure, and downed electrical lines which could start a fire that we have no way of putting out.

There are no traffic controls. Many places are still flooded and this standing water will become toxic.

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Jefferson Parish emergency managers will need this time to at least clear major East/West thoroughfares so that you can enter Jefferson Parish. However, I strongly suggest that you just come here to gather more belongings and leave, as it will still be a dangerous place. I cannot stress strongly enough that there will be no stores to purchase food or supplies so do so prior to coming back to Jefferson Parish.

There will be downed power lines, but we will have them de-energized by next Monday. There will not be any standard traffic controls.

Please just come here and gather more belongings and try to stay with friends and relatives for weeks to come. We cannot sustain any viable quality of life in Jefferson Parish at this time or for some time to come.

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